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HUNGARIAN NATIONAL PLAN OFFICE REPORTS
ON SECOND-QUARTER 1950 PRODUCTION

Industry

All branches of industry exceeded the increased production schedules for the second quarter of 1950. Heavy industry did especially well. Industry as a whole produced 105.4 percent, heavy industry 106.8 percent, and light industry 103.9 percent of the scheduled production. Industrial production as a whole exceeded that of the second quarter of 1949 by 34.3 percent, with heavy industry exceeding last year's figure by 39.6 percent, and light industry showing a 29.1 percent increase.

Industrial production for the second quarter of 1950 by branches of industry was as follows:

Table 1.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 (%)</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 Compared with 2d Qu 1949 (%)</u>
Mining	104.2	116.6
Metallurgy	107.4	127.1
Machine Building	104.4	149.0
High-voltage electrical industry	111.6	152.3
Low-voltage electrical industry	109.9	148.6
Precision-machine building industry	127.0	230.4
Mass production industry	111.2	148.4
Transportation Repair Shops	110.5	183.9
Electric power plants	103.5	119.9

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<u>Industry</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 (%)</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 Compared with 2d Qu 1949 (%)</u>
Construction materials industry	104.5	156.5
Heavy chemical industry	107.0	137.5
Light chemical industry	107.0	148.9
Heavy industry as a whole	106.8	139.6
Rubber industry	103.5	124.8
Wood working industry	104.9	152.5
Paper industry	100.6	123.4
Printing industry	104.8	131.3
Textile industry	100.2	122.7
Skins and fur industry	106.0	137.1
Clothing industry	103.1	187.4
Agricultural industry	111.9	134.3
Light industry as a whole	103.9	129.1
Industry as a whole	105.4	134.3

The production of important items exceeded the plan for the second quarter, and although the production of some items was under the plan figure, production as a whole showed a significant increase over the same period in the previous year.

Table 2.

<u>Product</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 (%)</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 Compared with 2d Qu 1949 (%)</u>
Coal	104.4	118.0
Iron ore	107.0	125.0
Bauxite	101.9	104.0
Crude oil	101.9	102.4
Crude gas	135.9	122.6
Electricity	101.4	116.6
Pig iron	112.1	114.5
Raw steel	101.5	118.5
Foundry aluminum	102.5	113.3
Cast iron	106.5	141.7

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<u>Product</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 (%)</u>	<u>2d Qu 1950 Compared with 2d Qu 1949 (%)</u>
Cast steel	101.7	144.0
Machine tools	91.5	155.6
Locomotives	98.5	214.2
Motorcycles	124.7	88.4
Bicycles	93.0	114.5
Tractors	101.1	175.6
Bricks	115.8	205.2
Cement	104.4	144.0
Nitrogenous fertilizers	109.3	127.6
Phosphoric fertilizers	110.8	148.2
Benzene	102.2	109.7
Petroleum	95.3	98.6
Machine oil	130.4	210.1
Hides	107.4	146.3
Skins	100.7	138.4
Stationery newsprint	105.2	131.3
Cotton goods	101.0	102.0
Woolen goods	100.2	114.0
Linen, hemp goods	100.6	140.0
Cotton stockings	103.4	135.0
Men's clothing	108.2	250.6
Leather shoes	100.9	184.6

Since the beginning of the year, the number of workers employed in the industry increased by 17,000.

Building Industry

The building industry has begun to develop rapidly, as a result of the decisions of the party and the government. Above-surface construction has increased 251.6 percent, and subsurface construction increased 337.1 percent over the second quarter of 1949. The state building industry completed 47.5 percent of its planned production for the year by 30 June. The number of construction workers increased by 24,600 during the second quarter. This year, 5,400 have begun to learn construction trades; 29.8 percent of these are women.

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Agriculture

The state farms agricultural cooperatives, and independent farms have completed their programs within the prescribed time. The plan for contract production on 960,000 cadastral yokes was fully realized.

During the agricultural year 1949-50, 1,143 more carloads of nitrogenous, 3,402 cars more of phosphoric, and 482 more cars of calcium fertilizer were used than in the previous year. The total of artificial fertilizer used, exceeded that of the previous year by 5,027 cars.

The total of irrigated area increased 9,342 cadastral acres over the previous year.

In the year ending 30 June 1950, the total area of state farms increased by 234 percent; the plowed acreage of this total area increased 294 percent. The number of producer cooperative groups and independent producer cooperatives increased 216 percent, their total area increased 413 percent, and their ploughed acreage increased 462 percent over the previous year. The membership of producer cooperatives increased 458 percent during the year. By the end of the second quarter 1950, the number of agricultural machine stations had increased to 356, the number of tractors 5,308, and threshers 2,999. Other types of farm machines have also been added to the machine stations. Harvester-threshers were also used in this year's harvesting.

Transportation

Every branch of transportation exceeded its second-quarter 1950 plans. Railroad freight transportation accomplished 107 percent of the plan for the year, and passenger transportation accomplished 103 percent. Compared to the same period last year, railroad freight transportation has increased 32 percent and passenger transportation 19.4 percent. The average car turnaround time has been reduced from 5.2 days to 4.9 days since the second quarter of 1949 and the average hauling distance dropped from 141 kilometers to 135 kilometers.

In freight water transport, 108 percent of the plan was accomplished, in passenger water transport 136 percent, in city transport 107 percent, and in air transport 130 percent. Passenger traffic on city busses increased 25 percent during the past year.

Trade

The increasing buying power of the worker is reflected in the fact that wholesale and state-operated retail trade exceeded all estimates. As a result, 113 percent of the planned wholesale distribution, 137 percent of planned wholesale buying and 100 percent of planned state-operated retail selling was accomplished.

Agricultural cooperatives serving rural communities surpassed planned consumption by 6.5 percent and planned buying by 6.0 percent. To meet the increasing demands of the workers, the number of state-operated retail stores increased 22.3 during the past quarter.

Investments

As a result of the developing strength of the state, 1,783,000,000 forints were invested during the second quarter of 1950 as compared to 1,243,000,000 forints during the first quarter.

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